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MORE ALERT

THE SOURCES SAID THE ALERT, STILL WELL SHORT OF ANY WAR THREAT LEVEL, WENT TO AIR FORCE, ARMY, AND NAVY UNITS IN THE U-S,

EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC.

AMONG THE UNITS ALERTED WAS THE ARMY'S 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, WHICH HAS A PRIME MISSION TO BE SENT TO CRISIS POINTS IN EVENT OF EMERGENCIES.

UNITS OF THE NATION'S NUCLEAR STRIKING FORCE, THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, ALSO ARE INCLUDED IN THE ALERT.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS REFUSE TO CONFIRM REPORTS OF THE ALERT OR TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN ANY WAY.

U-S GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THE SOVIET UNION SENT WORD TO WASHINGTON THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ACT ALONE IF THE U-S DID

NOT JOIN IN AN EFFORT TO STOP VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE.

RUSSIA IS SAID TO HAVE BLAMED ISRAEL FOR ANY CONTINUED FIGHTING IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA. GOVERNMENT

SOURCES SAID U-S CONCERN WAS HEIGHTENED BY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SOVIET TRANSPORT

PLANES AND SHIPS WERE SEEN ON ROUTE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

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WASHINGTON, OCT. 25, REUTER--A NUMBER OF AMERICAN MILITARY BASES REPORTEDLY WERE PLACED ON THE ALERT EARLY TODAY, BUT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS REFUSED ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, HEADQUARTERS OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, WHICH INCLUDES AMERICANS NUCLEAR STRIKING FORCE, AIRMEN STARTED REPORTING BACK TO THE BASE ABOUT 2 A.M. EDT (0600 GMT). A NEWSMAN THERE REPORTED THE ALERT SEEMED TO BE THE MOST SERIOUS SINCE THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS.

SAC BASES IN NORTH DAKOTA, WHERE MANY OF THE MINUTEMEN MISSILES ARE LOCATED, AND IN PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK, ALSO WERE AMONG THOSE REPORTEDLY ALERTED.

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